Memorandum of CD6; 135, Interview with Roy Tell, Jr., member Moisant CAP. (11-chrtgl 12/3/68)

Assuming this is the entire interview report, which is not certain, the most exceptional thing is the absence of any mention of David Ferrie, who had been leader of that CAP cadet unit, who had by this time, 11/30/63, been arrested by Jim Garrison in connection with the assassination, interviewed by the FBI and the Secret Service and released. So, the FBI knew enough to have a serious and considerable interest in Ferrie.

What is also exceptional is the failure to show Tell a picture of Oswald that looked at all like the OSWALD of CAP days. Or, the failure to specify the change in Oswald between the time of the picture and the time Tell could have known him in the CAP, in those years, a considerable difference.

Here also we have the beginning of any investigation of an Oswald-Ferrie connection if the Commission could not obtain the CAP roster (which it could have and elected not to). Here we have the names of seven other men any one of whom could have had the missing knowledge: did Ferrie and Oswald know each other. Here also the men any one of whom might have had the needed and avoided pictures.

More immediate than the Commission, here the FBI, already charged with its responsibilities by President Johnson, had all the raw material required for an investigation of Ferrie or a Ferrie-Oswald leak. It cannot be accidental that, with these lead so early in hand, if without diligent search for them (remember, Tell "appeared in the New Orleans office of the FBI" on his own), that the FBI left these basic questions unanswered.

It is entirely consistent with the official pretense that Ferrie's known threats against the President were "a colloquial expression".